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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Robert Edward KOHLER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
Application No.: 10/052,156 ) Examiner: U. T. HO  
Filed: January 16, 2002 )  
For: ENCASED IMPLANT AND ) Confirmation No.: 1036  
METHODS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.